

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

The foregoing amendment and the following arguments are provided to impart precision to the claims, by more particularly pointing out the invention, rather than to avoid prior art.

**35 U.S.C. §102(e) Rejections**

Examiner rejected claims 1-4, 8, 13-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Thomas et al., US 2001/0047494. Claim 6, on the other hand, is allowable. Limitations claimed in claims 1, 8, 13, and 19 are amended to include the limitation of claim 6 relating to the bidirectional interface comprising a first interface node to output a first signal and a second interface node to receive an external signal when a dual pin mode is enabled, while this limitation is removed from claim 6.

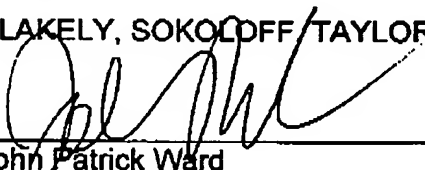
Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call Erik Metzger at (512) 732-3922.

If any additional fees are required, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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